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PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of: **Patrick Carroll, John Schneider, and Douglas E. Bell** entitled "IMPROVED DIAGNOSTIC SANITARY TEST STRIP" including specification, abstract, and claims totalling 23 pages.

Enclosed are:

3 sheet(s) of formal, informal drawing(s).
 an assignment of the invention to Home Diagnostics, Inc..
 a certified copy of a application.
 Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449.
 Verified Statement claiming small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 & 1.27.
 Executed Declaration by the Inventors.
 Preliminary Amendment
 Associate Power of Attorney

CLAIMS AS FILED SMALL ENTITY

Basic Filing Fee	\$385.00
Total Claims 41 - 20 = 21 excess	x \$11.00 = \$221.00
Indep Claims 2 - 3 = 0 ex	\$40.00 = \$0
Multiple Dependent Claims	x \$130.00 = \$0
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TOTAL	\$606.00

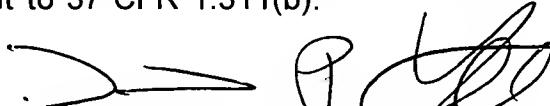
CLAIMS AS FILED OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY

Basic Filing Fee	\$770.00
Total Claims - 20 = excess	x \$22.00 = \$
Indep Claims - 3 = excess	x \$80.00 = \$
Multiple Dependent Claims	x \$260.00 = \$
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TOTAL	\$

A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
 Certificate of Express Mail.
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the following correspondence: ***Patent Application: Improved Diagnostic Sanitary Test Strip; Transmittal Letter; Check for \$606.00; Declaration and Power of Attorney; Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status; Assignment in Favor of Home Diagnostics, Inc.; Three Sheets of Formal Drawings; and Return Postcard for Confirmation of Receipt*** is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail No. EM277817343US, addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this 10th day of June, 1997.

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